

Minutes of Fenton Parish Meeting

Thursday 26th August 2021

held at All Saints Church, Fenton

starting at 7.00. pm

1. Apologies for absence – none

2. Minutes of last meeting – A Committee Meeting was held on Jan 18th. Owing to the Covid 19 pandemic it was a Zoom meeting. Due to difficulties getting on to Zoom, only three people attended the meeting. The Parish bank account needed to be updated and discussion took place to enable banking to be done online rather than using a cheque book. The Chairman read the minutes and explained the actions that the Committee had taken.

3. Appointment of a new Parish Clerk. Cara Clarkson has resigned from the role of Parish Clerk. The Parish Chairman thanked Cara for her work as Clerk. He was most grateful for the work she had done. The Stubton Clerk is unable to take on the role. Graham Doney has been approached but has already many commitments with his role at Claypole C. of E. Primary School. Robert Boulwood was also approached as a possible volunteer.

The Chairman stated that there is a training course available to support anyone wanting to take the position. No appointment was made, and discussions will continue with potential volunteers. The Chairman thanked Libby Mason for agreeing to minute this meeting.

4. Sign off 2020-21 Accounts – The Treasurer, Cathy Metcalfe, explained the accounts, £751 in bank, then precept of £1215 received. On 31st March there was £1876 in the bank. The only outgoing was £44.34 for replacement pads for the defibrillator. The accounts had been audited and the certificate of exemption has been completed and will be sent to SKDC.

5. Setting of future precepts – A precept of approximately £1000 is set for the village. The Chairman declared his intention to continue with the same amount for the future, stating that there should be a reserve in the bank account for any contingencies. This was discussed and there were no opinions to the contrary.

6. The ongoing dog fouling issue – The dog walkers continue not to pick up after their dogs and it has become a real problem in Pump Lane. There was discussion and strong feeling from the floor that both signs and poo bins were needed urgently.

Penny Milnes, our local Councillor, suggested the Council might provide signs. SKDC will empty litter bins (but not dog waste bins) and it was suggested that the village could obtain litter bins that accepted dog waste. She will investigate and report back if SKDC can help.

7. Planning Application S20/0098 – The Chairman reported that the SKDC have said, in Dec 2019, that the 50 days shooting rule was ‘unenforceable’. Shooting has already taken place for 49 days, this year to date, and this condition will be breached on 2/Sep/2021. It is 83 weeks since the planning application went in, and 23 weeks is the maximum time for planning applications under the Government Planning Guarantee.

The only way to write to the Ombudsman is to complain of maladministration. The chairman agreed to do this.

Penny Milnes stated that the whole situation is extremely complicated, particularly the legalities. The Chief Executive, Karen Bradford, and Leader of SKDC, Councillor Kelham Cooke, are fully aware of the situation as it affects other villages also.

8. A request for £50pa has been received for support for the Parish Magazine. Discussion from the floor took place as to why it was necessary for Fenton to pay £50 annually as previously the newsletter had been free of charge. More information is needed to explain the cost. It was agreed to pay this year, but further discussion would be needed to make this an annual payment.

9. Purchase of Parish Online Mapping subscription – this would cost £36 subscription annually. This would help the Chairman in enabling him to share information with the whole village community as many were not linked to the Fenton facetime page.

10 A.O.B.

1) Graham Doney stated that a Fenton website is needed and is willing to investigate the possibilities and costs. He is to be given £50 to involve the whole village as it would be an effective means of communication for everyone.

2) The Chairman and Graham Doney are to investigate the Openreach voucher scheme for full fibre broadband once a Parish website is operational.

3) It was agreed that the Meeting should subscribe to the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC).

4) A suggestion from Libby Mason was made that a Platinum Jubilee celebration could be organised for the village in 2022. This was discussed but not resolved.

5) A suggestion from Libby Mason was made that Fenton needs to make some contributions of content to go in the Parish Magazine. This was discussed but no one made a commitment to contribute.

6) The Church Warden informed the Meeting that a Harvest Celebration would be held in the village church on Sunday 26th September at 10.00.am.

There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Attendees were:

Dave Rawlins (Chairman)

Penny Milnes

Robert Boulwood

Graham & Irene Doney

David Perry

Chris Handley

John & Denise Daubny

Cathy Metcalfe (Treasurer)

Ella & Felix Metcalfe

Daphne & Peter Streets

Ian & Libby Mason

9 households were represented at the meeting out of a possible 54.